**Tattoo Aftercare**

**FIRST RULE:**

DO NOT LISTEN TO YOUR FRIENDS ADVICE ON HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR TATTOO.

*DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH YOUR NEW TATTOO.*

*NO SWIMMING, BATHING, OR SOAKING OF ANY KIND, WHILE HEALING.KEEP YOUR NEW TATTOO OUT OF THE SUN.NO TANNING BEDS FOR AT LEAST 2 WKS.*

***1.*** *In two hours remove bandage.*

***2.*** *Wash tattoo with warm water, antibacterial soap, and*

*your hand.(Never use a wash cloth while healing.)*

***3.*** *Rinse, and blot dry with clean soft towel, or paper towel.*

*Do not wipe to dry.*

***4.*** *Apply A&D ointment in thin layer. Do not use lotion.*

*Do not re-bandage your tattoo. Avoid abrasions of any kind to the healing area.*

***5.***  *Check Tattoo about every 3 hours for dryness.*

***6.***  *If you need to apply more ointment, wash tattoo in the same manner as above, and apply ointment same as above.*

***7.***  *If you frequently wash and apply too much ointment to the tattoo your skin will become saturated and ink loss will result, yielding less than favorable healing results.*

***IF AT ANYTIME YOU BELIEVE YOUR TATTOO IS INFECTED, CALL YOUR ARTIST. NOT ALL PHYSICIANS HAVE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH TATTOOS.***